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REMARKS

In the Action, only claims 1-14 were examined on the merits following a restriction requirement by the Examiner and a selection by the Applicant. The remaining claims, namely claims 15-26, have been withdrawn from the case by this Amendment, subject to being later filed in one or more divisional cases.

On the merits, claims 1-5, 7, 8, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the 2000 Cessna reference. In addition, claims 6 and 9 were rejected under §103 as being obvious and thus unpatentable over the 2000 Cessna reference by itself, while claims 10-12 were rejected under that same statutory section as being unpatentable over the Cessna reference in view of either the Schmidt or Eastman et al. references.

By this Amendment, claim 1, which is the only independent claim remaining in the case, has been amended, along with claims 6 and 8. Claims 4, 5 and 7 have been cancelled and their subject matter has been added to claim 1. With these changes, it is submitted that all of the claims remaining in the case, namely claims 1-3, 6 and 8-14, are in proper form and patentably distinguish from the prior art.

As amended, new claim 1 calls for two sets of opposing or facing passenger seats, each set to include at least two passenger seats. A cabinet is positioned along one side of the two sets of seats and a table member is rotatably connected to the cabinet. The table member is adapted to be deployed in a full deployment condition providing table space for all of the passengers in the two sets of seats, or in a partially deployed condition where it can be used by only one or two of the passengers.

Neither the 2000 Cessna reference, nor the Schmidt or Eastman et al. reference disclose or suggest this unique combination of features. The 2000

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Cessna references only shows single sets of seats and a table which can only be fully deployed.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of claims 1-3, 6 and 8-14 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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